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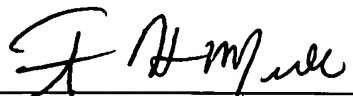
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Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

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Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

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- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
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- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
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- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

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A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
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- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

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COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner Mull:

Attached please find a proposed amendment for discussion purposes during our telephone conference tomorrow. For purposes of discussion, we can focus on claims 1 and 2. Please note that these claims include limitations previously appearing in claims 17/22, which were objected to in the last office action.

Thank you,
Michael P. Doerr

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Application No.: 10/780,288
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FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A positioning system for determining a position of a positioning terminal, the system including a plurality of first signal sources each emitting a respective first signal, and one or more second signal sources each emitting a respective second signal, the first signals being synchronous with a reference time and the second signals being non-synchronous with the first signals, for, based on a signal propagation time and signal propagation speed of the first signals, determining a distance from the positioning terminal, said positioning system comprising:

a measurement device for receiving the first signals from the first signal sources to determine a position P of the measurement device and a time of measurement when the measurement device receives the first signals and for, based on the time of measurement, measuring a receiving time (TR), based on the reference time, of a predetermined event of the second signals;

a control device for determining a signal propagation time (t) between the measurement device and one of the second signal sources by calculating a relative distance |P-Q| between the measurement device and the one second signal source based on the position P measured by the measurement device and a position Q of the one second signal source and by dividing the resulting distance by the signal

propagation speed, and determining a time (TT), based on the reference time, at which the one second signal source originates the predetermined event by solving $TR-t$;

the positioning terminal having a receiving device for receiving the signals from the first and second signal sources; and

a communication device for communicating between the control device and the positioning terminal,

wherein the positioning terminal uses the time TT to limit a search for the signals from the first signal sources, and uses the signals from the first signal sources for determining the position of the positioning terminal;

wherein the measurement device further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions;

wherein the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information; and

wherein the measurement device measures P and TR and voluntarily reports the measured P and TR to the control device.

2. (Currently Amended) A positioning system for determining a position of a positioning terminal, the system including a plurality of first signal sources each emitting a respective first signal, and one or more second signal sources each emitting a respective second signal, the first signals being synchronous with a reference time and the second signals being non-synchronous with the first signals, for, based on a signal propagation time and signal propagation speed of at least one of the first and second

signal sources so as to determine a position of the positioning terminal, said positioning system comprising:

a measurement device associated with each second signal source for receiving the first signals from the first signal sources to determine a position P of the measurement device and a time of measurement when the measurement device receives the first signals and for, based on the time of measurement, measuring a receiving time (TR), based on the reference time, of a predetermining event of the second signals;

a control device for determining a signal propagation time (t) between the measurement device and its associated second signal source by calculating a relative distance |P-Q| between the measurement device and its associated second signal source based on the position P measured by the measurement device and a position Q of the second signal source and by dividing the resulting distance by the signal propagation speed, and for determining a time (TT), based on the reference time, at which the second signal source originates the predetermined event by solving $TR-t$;

the positioning terminal having a receiving device for receiving the signals from the first and second signal sources; and

a communication device for communicating between the control device and the positioning terminal,

wherein the positioning terminal uses the time TT as a reference to receive to ~~limit a search for~~ the first signals and receives the first and second signals for determining the position of the positioning terminal;

wherein the measurement device further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions;

wherein the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information; and

wherein the measurement device measures P and TR and voluntarily reports the measured P and TR to the control device.

3. (Original) The positioning system according to claim 1, wherein the first signal sources further comprise GPS satellites.

4. (Original) The positioning system according to claim 1, wherein the second signal sources further comprise base stations of a mobile communication network.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) The positioning system according to claim 1, wherein the measurement device ~~further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions, where the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information, and~~ measures P and TR according to a request from the control device in the same mobile communication network to report the measured P and TR to the control device.

7. (Original) A positioning system according to claim 1, wherein the second signal sources further comprise television broadcast stations.

8. (Original) The positioning system according to claim 2, wherein the first signal sources further comprise GPS satellites.

9. (Original) The positioning system according to claim 2, wherein the second signal sources further comprise base stations of a mobile communication network.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The positioning system according to claim 2, wherein ~~the measurement device further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions, where the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information, and measures P and TR according to a request from the control device in the same network to report the measured P and TR to the control device.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The positioning system according to claim 1, wherein the second signal sources further comprise television broadcast stations.

13. (Currently Amended) A positioning terminal for determining a position of the positioning terminal, the positioning terminal including a receiving device for receiving signals from a plurality of first signal sources each emitting a respective first signal and

one or more second signal sources each emitting a respective second signal, the first signals being synchronous with a reference time and the second signals being non-synchronous with the first signals, for, based on a signal propagation time and signal propagation speed of the first signals, determining a distance from the positioning terminal, said positioning terminal comprising:

a calculation device for calculating $TT = TR - |P - Q|/c$;

wherein the P is a position of a measurement device when the measurement device received the first signals from the first signal sources;

the Q is a position of the one second signal source;

the $|P - Q|$ is a relative distance between the measurement device and the one second source;

the c is a signal propagation speed;

the TR is a receiving time, based on the reference time, when the measurement device received a predetermined event of the second signals at the position P;

wherein the positioning terminal uses the time TT to limit a search for the signals from the first signal sources, and uses the signals from the first signal sources for determining the position of the positioning terminal;

wherein the measurement device further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions;

wherein the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information; and

wherein the measurement device measures P and TR and voluntarily reports the measured P and TR to a control device in the same mobile communication network.

14. (Currently Amended) A positioning terminal for determining a position of the positioning terminal, the positioning terminal including a receiving device for receiving signals from a plurality of first signal sources each emitting a respective first signal and one or more second signal sources each emitting a respective second signal, the first signals being synchronous with a reference time and the second signals being non-synchronous with the first signals, for, based on a signal propagation time and signal propagation speed of at least one of the first and second sources so as to determine a position of the positioning terminal, said positioning terminal comprising:

a calculation device for calculating $TT = TR - |P - Q|/c$;

wherein the P is a position of a measurement device when the measurement device received the first signals from the first signal sources;

the Q is a position of the one second signal source;

the $|P - Q|$ is a relative distance between the measurement device and the one second source;

the c is a signal propagation speed;

the TR is a receiving time, based on the reference time, when the measurement device received a predetermined event of the second signals at the position P;

wherein the positioning terminal uses the time TT ~~to limit a search for~~ as a reference to receive the signals from the first signal sources and ~~[[.]] wherein the positioning terminal receives the first and second signals for determining the position of the positioning terminal;~~

wherein the measurement device further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions;

wherein the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information;

wherein the measurement device measures P and TR and voluntarily reports the measured P and TR to a control device in the same mobile communication network.

15. (Previously Presented) The positioning terminal according to claim 13, wherein the first signal sources further comprise GPS satellites.

16. (Previously Presented) The positioning terminal according to claim 13, wherein the second signal sources further comprise base stations of a mobile communication network.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The positioning terminal according to claim 13, wherein the measurement device further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions, where the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information, and measures P and TR according to a request from the control device in the same mobile communication network to report the measured P and TR to the control device.

19. (Previously Presented) The positioning terminal according to claim 13, wherein the second signal sources further comprise television broadcast stations.

20. (Previously Presented) The positioning terminal according to claim 14, wherein the first signal sources further comprise GPS satellites.

21. (Previously Presented) The positioning terminal according to claim 14, wherein the second signal sources further comprise base stations of a mobile communication network.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The positioning terminal according to claim 14, wherein the measurement device ~~further comprises a mobile terminal in good conditions, where the position P of the measurement device can be determined without accurate time information,~~ and measures P and TR according to a request from the control device in the same network to report the measured P and TR to the control device.

24. (Previously Presented) The positioning terminal according to claim 13, wherein the second signal sources further comprise television broadcast stations.